

nominated should have expertise in one or more of the following areas: Toxicology, *in vitro* test methods, biostatistics. Nominees should be scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments on the issues for this meeting. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, and telephone number. Nominations should be provided to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** on or before June 9, 2003.

The criteria for selecting scientists to serve on the FIFRA SAP are that these persons be recognized scientists—experts in their fields; that they be as impartial and objective as possible; that they represent an array of backgrounds and perspectives (within their disciplines); have no financial conflict of interest; have not previously been involved with the scientific peer review of the issue(s) presented; and that they be available to participate fully in the review, which will be conducted over a relatively short time frame. Nominees will be asked to attend the public meetings and to participate in the discussion of key issues and assumptions at these meetings. Finally, they will be asked to review and to help finalize the meeting minutes.

If a FIFRA SAP nominee is considered to assist in a review by the FIFRA SAP for a particular session, the nominee is subject to the provisions of 5 CFR part 2634, Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, as supplemented by the EPA in 5 CFR part 6401. As such, the FIFRA SAP nominee is required to submit a Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA Form 3110–485–02) which shall fully disclose, among other financial interests, the nominee's employment, stocks, and bonds, and where applicable, sources of research support. The EPA will evaluate the nominee's financial disclosure form to assess that there are no formal conflicts of interest before the nominee is considered to serve on the FIFRA SAP. Selected FIFRA SAP members will be hired as Special Government Employees. The Agency will review all nominations. FIFRA SAP members participating at this meeting will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the PIRIB at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I.

## II. Background

### A. Purpose of the FIFRA SAP

Amendments to FIFRA enacted November 28, 1975 (7 U.S.C. 136w(d)), include a requirement under section 25(d) of FIFRA that notices of intent to cancel or reclassify pesticide regulations pursuant to section 6(b)(2) of FIFRA, as well as proposed and final forms of rulemaking pursuant to section 25(a) of FIFRA, be submitted to a SAP prior to being made public or issued to a registrant. In accordance with section 25(d) of FIFRA, the FIFRA SAP is to have an opportunity to comment on the health and environmental impact of such actions. The FIFRA SAP also shall make comments, evaluations, and recommendations for operating guidelines to improve the effectiveness and quality of analyses made by Agency scientists. Members are scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments as to the impact on health and the environment of regulatory actions under sections 6(b) and 25(a) of FIFRA. The Deputy Administrator appoints seven individuals to serve on the FIFRA SAP for staggered terms of 4 years, based on recommendations from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

Section 104 of FQPA (Public Law 104–170) established the FQPA Science Review Board (SRB). These scientists shall be available to the FIFRA SAP on an ad hoc basis to assist in reviews conducted by the FIFRA SAP.

### B. Face-to-Face Public Meeting

The FIFRA SAP will meet to consider and review issues concerned with ensuring data quality for *in vitro* tests used as alternatives to animal studies for regulatory purposes. Many *in vitro* methods have been developed or are under development to replace animal tests. Organizations may develop *in vitro* methods using *ex vivo* tissues or biological constructs as the target tissue and fully disclose their test design and the scientific principles of the test. In other cases, *in vitro* methods may be developed by commercial sponsors for commercial marketing as Proprietary Test Methods (PTM). *In vitro* alternatives to animal testing pose unique issues regarding quality and performance. Once a new *in vitro* method is validated and accepted for regulatory use to characterize human health and environmental effects, a process is needed to provide assurance that it will continue to perform in a manner consistent with the test system

as it was originally validated.

Consistency of the *in vitro* assay system is needed with: Time, any change in ingredients or manufacturing process in the test system to be marketed, or variations in interpretation of a method described only generically in a test guideline. In addition, a process should be developed to allow “Me-too” methods to qualify for regulatory use, based on the validation originally performed for the PTM.

For this meeting, the FIFRA SAP will consider and review test guideline approaches to address performance and quality of *in vitro* methods when used as alternatives to animal studies. In addition, the panel will consider core guideline elements, and minimum performance and procedural standards for three new *in vitro* corrosivity assays.

### C. FIFRA SAP Meeting Minutes

The FIFRA SAP will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency in approximately 60 days. The meeting minutes will be posted on the FIFRA SAP web site or may be obtained by contacting the PIRIB at the address or telephone number listed in Unit I.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: May 22, 2003.

**Joseph J. Merenda,**

Director, Office of Science Coordination and Policy.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–2003–0160; FRL–7307–1]

### Pesticide Products; Registration Approvals

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces Agency approval of applications to register the following four pesticide products Nut GuardV/Fruit GuardV, Novozymes Biofungicide Green-Release™ 710-140, GB34 Concentrate Biological Fungicide, and GB34 Technical Biological Fungicide containing active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(5) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Regulatory Action Leader, listed in the table below:

Regulatory Action Leader	Telephone number/e-mail address	Mailing address	EPA Registration No.
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. General Information****A. Does this Action Apply to Me?**

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS 111)
- Animal production (NAICS 112)
- Food manufacturing (NAICS 311)
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS 32532)

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?**

1. **Docket.** EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0160. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119,

Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

In accordance with section 3(c)(2) of FIFRA, a copy of the approved label, the list of data references, the data and other scientific information used to support registration, except for material specifically protected by section 10 of FIFRA, are also available for public inspection. Requests for data must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and must be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office (A-101), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001. The request should: Identify the product name and registration number and specify the data or information desired.

A paper copy of the fact sheet, which provides more detail on this registration, may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA 22161.

2. **Electronic access.** You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

**II. Did EPA Approve the Applications?**

The Agency approved the applications after considering all required data on risks associated with the proposed uses of Indian Meal Moth Granulosis Virus; *Bacillus licheniformis* strain SB3086; *Bacillus pumilus* strain GB34, and information on social, economic, and environmental benefits to be derived from use. Specifically, the Agency has considered the nature of the chemical and its pattern of use, application methods and rates, and level and extent of potential exposure. Based on these reviews, the Agency was able to make basic health and safety determinations which show that use of Indian Meal Moth Granulosis Virus; *Bacillus licheniformis* strain SB3086; *Bacillus pumilus* strain GB34 when used in accordance with widespread and commonly recognized practice, will not generally cause unreasonable adverse effects to the environment.

**III. Approved Applications**

1. EPA issued a notice, published in the **Federal Register** of August 31, 2001 (66 FR 45987) (FRL-6760-5), which announced that AgriVir LLC, 1625 K Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20006, had submitted an application to register the pesticide product, Nut GuardV/Fruit GuardV, as a moth larvicide (EPA File Symbol 73176-R), containing 96.4% Indian Meal Moth Granulosis Virus and larval parts on milled wheat bran carrier. This product was not previously registered.

The application was approved on December 21, 2001, as Nut GuardV/Fruit GuardV (EPA Registration Number 73176-1) for controlling Indian Meal moth larvae on dried fruit, shelled and unshelled nuts, and in cracks and crevices in processing, packing, and storage areas.

2. EPA issued a notice, published in the **Federal Register** of June 26, 2002 (67 FR 43114) (FRL-7182-9), which announced that Novozymes Biologicals,

Inc., 111 Kelser Mill Road, Salem, VA 24153, had submitted an application to register the pesticide product, Novozymes Biofungicide Green Releaf™ 710-140, a biological fungicide (EPA File Symbol 70127-E), containing *Bacillus licheniformis* Strain SB3086 at 0.14%. This product was not previously registered.

The application was approved on February 4, 2003, as Novozymes Biofungicide Green-Releaf™ 710-140 (EPA Registration Number 70127-2) for fungicidal treatment of ornamental turf, lawns, golf courses, ornamental plants, conifers and tree seedlings in outdoor, greenhouse, and nursery sites. The active ingredients registered for this product are *Bacillus licheniformis* Strain SB3086 at 0.14% and Indole-3-butyric Acid at 0.00096%.

3. EPA issued a notice, published in the **Federal Register** of December 31, 2001 (66 FR 67520) (FRL-6813-7), which announced that Gustafson LLC, 1400 Preston Road, Suite 400, Plano, TX 75093, had submitted applications to register the following two pesticide products GB34 Concentrate Biological Fungicide, fungicide (EPA File Symbol 7501-ROR) and GB34 Technical Biological Fungicide (EPA File Symbol 7501-ROE), containing *Bacillus pumilus* GB34 at 0.28% and 13.8%, respectively. These products were not previously registered.

The applications were approved on March 13, 2003, as GB34 Concentrate Biological Fungicide (EPA Registration Number 7501-191); for use as a treatment for soybeans for suppression of root diseases caused by *Rhizoctonia* and *Fusarium* and GB34 Technical Biological Fungicide (EPA Registration Number 7501-192) for reformulating into end-use fungicide products.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: May 15, 2003.

**Phil Hutton,**

*Acting Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0122; FRL-7304-6]

### Fenthion; Notice of Receipt of Request to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request by Bayer Environmental Science to voluntarily cancel the registrations for all of their products containing O,O-dimethyl O-(4-methylthio)-m-tolylphosphorothioate (fenthion). EPA intends to grant this request by issuing a cancellation order at the close of the comment period for this announcement unless the Agency receives substantive comments within the comment period that would merit its further review of this request. It is EPA's intent that the effective date of the cancellation order, as requested by Bayer, will be June 30, 2004. Upon the effective date of the cancellation order, any distribution or sale of products listed in this notice will be prohibited as of June 30, 2004, except for return of unused portions to Bayer or for proper disposal. EPA expects use of products listed in this notice will be permitted until November 30, 2004. Any such use must be in accordance with the label. Bayer has submitted, and EPA intends to approve, label amendments intended to further mitigate the risks of fenthion. Because Bayer has requested cancellation of the registrations of all of its fenthion products, Bayer is not required to satisfy the data requirements in any of the Agency's Data Call-Ins, including the Developmental Neurotoxicity Data Call-In.

**DATES:** Comments on the requested registration cancellations must be submitted to the address provided below and identified by docket ID number OPP-2003-0122. Comments must be received on or before July 29, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery or courier. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPP-2003-0122 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Jennings, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (706) 355-8574; e-mail address: [jennings.susan@epa.gov](mailto:jennings.susan@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to persons who produce or use pesticides, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the information in this notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

###### B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0122. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. EPA also established two dockets containing documents in support of the fenthion IRED. They are dockets OPP-34145 and OPP-34145A. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "Federal Register" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public